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RCE  
Attorney Docket. 040679-1384

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Masaharu SAITO et al.

Title: VALVE TIMING CONTROL SYSTEM FOR INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE

Appl. No.: 09/985,798

Appl. Filing Date: 11/06/2001

Examiner: J. Corrigan

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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**  
**TRANSMITTAL**

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Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. This RCE and the enclosed items listed below are being filed prior to the earliest of: (1) payment of the issue fee (unless a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.313 is granted); (2) abandonment of the application; or (3) the filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. §141, or the commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. §145 or §146 (unless the appeal or civil action is terminated).

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114:** (check items that apply)

a. Previously submitted:

Other \_\_\_\_\_

b. Enclosed are:

Submission Under 37 CFR §114(c) Accompanying RCE.

Miscellaneous:

Suspension of action of the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months.

The filing fee is calculated below:

	Claims as Amended	Previously Paid For	Extra Claims Present	Rate	Fee Totals
<b>RCE Fee 1.17(e):</b>				<b>\$770.00</b>	<b>= \$770.00</b>
Total Claims:	20	- 20	= 0	x \$18.00	= \$0.00
Independents	4	- 5	= 0	x \$86.00	= \$0.00
				First presentation of any Multiple Dependent Claims: + \$290.00	= \$0.00
				<b>CLAIMS FEE TOTAL:</b>	<b>= \$770.00</b>

[ ] Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for the total number of months checked below:

[ ] Extension for response filed within the first month:	\$110.00	0	\$0.00
[ ] Extension for response filed within the second month:	\$420.00		\$0.00
[ ] Extension for response filed within the third month:	\$950.00		\$0.00
[ ] Extension for response filed within the fourth month:	\$1,480.00		\$0.00
[ ] Extension for response filed within the fifth month:	\$2,010.00		\$0.00
	EXTENSION FEE SUBTOTAL:		\$0.00
	EXTENSION FEE ALREADY PAID:		- \$0.00
	EXTENSION FEE TOTAL		\$0.00
	CLAIMS AND EXTENSION FEE TOTAL:		\$770.00
[ ] Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract ½ of above):			\$0.00
[ ] Suspension of action requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c)			\$0.00
	TOTAL FEE:		\$770.00

[ ] Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0741 in the amount of \$0.00. A duplicate copy of this transmittal is enclosed.

[ X ] A check in the amount of \$770.00 to cover the RCE filing fee is enclosed.

[ X ] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Please direct all correspondence to the undersigned attorney or agent at the address indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

Date February 27, 2004

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